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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Blair, et al.)	
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Serial No. 10/804,298)	
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Filed: March 19, 2004)	Group Art Unit (TBA)
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For: Automatic Media Alignment)	
Nip Release Mechanism)	
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Attorney Docket No. 2003-0545.02/4670-242)	

Raleigh, North Carolina
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted to add the newly assigned Serial Number of a co-pending application that has been incorporated by reference in the present application. While no fees should be required for entry of this preliminary amendment, if any fees or charges are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account 18-1167.